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Eric Johansen and

vs.

Danielle Johansen, his wife

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Plaintiffs,

DOCKET NO. MID-L-352-14

Civil Action

Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq., Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck, John Does #1-5 (unknown attorneys),

Defendant(s).

Summons

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RE: JOHANSEN ERIC VS DUPIGNAC JR FRANK

DOCKET: MID L -000352 14

THE ABOVE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO: TRACK 3.

DISCOVERY IS 450 DAYS AND RUNS FROM THE FIRST ANSWER OR 90 DAYS FROM SERVICE ON THE FIRST DEFENDANT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

THE PRETRIAL JUDGE ASSIGNED IS: HON HEIDI W. CURRIER

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302	TENANCY
399	REAL PROPERTY (other than Tenancy, Contract, Condemnation, Complex Commercial or Construction)
502 505	BOOK ACCOUNT (debt collection matters only) OTHER INSURANCE CLAIM (including declaratory judgment actions)
	OTHER INSURANCE CLAIM (including declaratory judgment actions) PIP COVERAGE
510	UM or UIM CLAIM (coverage issues only)
511	ACTION ON NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
	LEMON LAW SUMMARY ACTION
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	OTHER (briefly describe nature of action)
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599	CONTRACT/COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION
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610	AUTO NEGLIGENCE - PROPERTY DAMAGE
	UM or UIM CLAIM (includes bodily injury)
	TORT OTHER
	- 450 days' discovery
	CIVIL RIGHTS CONDEMNATION
	ASSAULT AND BATTERY
	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
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609	DEFAMATION
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	INVERSE CONDEMNATION LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (LAD) CASES
	- Active Case Management by Individual Judge / 450 days' discovery
156	ENVIRONMENTAL/ENVIRONMENTAL COVERAGE LITIGATION
303	MT. LAUREL
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Frank J. Dupignac, Jr. Esq., : Civil Action Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn :

& Beck, : Legal Malpractice Complaint,

John Does 1-5 (unknown attorneys_ : Demand for Discovery and

Requests for Admissions

Defendants : Affidavit of Merit

The Plaintiff, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen, his wife, residing at 10 Dutch Valley Road, Howell, New Jersey, complaining of the defendants, say:

FIRST COUNT

1. On or about July 15, 2006, plaintiff was in the course of his employment with Canada Dry of Delaware Valley when he fell, injuring his knee, while delivering beverages to a restaurant in Philadelphia.

- 2. Due to plaintiff Eric Johansen's injuries, plaintiffs Eric and Danielle Johansen retained the firm of Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck to represent them for a third party claims arising from the accident of July 15, 2006.
- 3. Whereby the attorneys for plaintiff Eric Johansen and plaintiff Danielle Johansen, defendants Frank J. Dupignac, Jr. Esq., Richard D. Stanzione, Esq., and Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck had an obligation and duty to perform proper investigation and pursue those parties and individuals responsible for the accident occurring on July 15, 2006.
- 4. The accident occurred on property located at 2459 N. 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA which was owned by Elebah Mohamed since 2004 and operated as Larry's Steaks since 1956.
- 5. Larry's Famous Steaks, Inc. which operates at the location was incorporated in 1997 or prior in the State of Pennsylvania.
- 6. Defendants filed suit on or about June 7, 2007, against Larry's Belly Filler and a fictitious corporation D/B/A as Larry's Belly Filler on behalf of the plaintiffs in this matter.
- 7. Larry' Belly Filler is not a registered business or corporation in the State of New Jersey or State of Pennsylvania.
- 8. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. proceeded to default judgment against Larry's Belly Filler on or about June 11, 2008
 - 9. Larry's Belly Filler was not the proper name or entity to proceed

against for claims arising from the fall on July 15, 2006.

- 10. Defendants never named Elebah Mohamed or Larry's Famous Steaks, Inc as defendants in the action on behalf of the plaintiffs.
- 11. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. failed to discover or amend the pleadings to implead the proper defendants prior to the running of the statute of limitations on July 15, 2008.
- 12. A simple investigation of the property and/or address would have revealed the ownership of the property and/or the name of the restaurant where the accident occurred.
- 13. The Statute of Limitations for that claim ran on July 15, 2008 in the State of New Jersey. As a direct result of the actions of defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. plaintiffs were foreclosed from recovery from the actual tortfeasor(s) and to collect damages from those parties.
- 14. Defendants were negligent, careless and deviated from accepted standards of practice in the field of law by failing to correctly name the proper parties in the complaint, failing to perform an adequate investigation, failing to obtain service and obtaining a judgment against a fictional entity.
- 15. As a direct and proximate consequence of defendants' deviation from accepted practice in the field of law, plaintiff was caused to suffer diminishment of his cause of action and he has been caused to sustain monetary loss and damages as a consequence of the failure to diligently pursue his cause of action and was deprived of full compensation for his injuries and damages

- 16. Damages for the injuries arising from this accident are \$280,000 plus interest and are a liquidated amount established by defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr.
 - 17. Defendants filed and certified the judgment with the state of New Jersey
 - 18. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr., attempted to collect on the judgment but were rebuffed as the foreign judgment in New Jersey could not be executed on a fictitious and/or incorrectly named defendant.
- 19. Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages as a consequence of defendants' legal malpractice.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen, his wife, demands judgment on this Count, together with compensatory damages, counsel fees, costs and interest.

SECOND COUNT

- 1. Plaintiff, Eric Johansen repeats and re-alleges the allegations of the First Count as if more fully set forth at length herein.
- 2. Plaintiff was represented by John Does 1-5 (unknown attorneys) and ABC Firms 1-5 (unknown law firms) regarding the accident of July 15, 2006.
- 3. Due to the negligent, carelessness and deviations from accepted practice in the field of law of defendant John Does 1-5 and ABC Firms 1-5, plaintiff was caused to suffer loss of his rights to maintain a cause of action for his accident of July 15, 2006 by their acts and failure to act.

- 4. As a direct and proximate consequence of the defendants' negligence, plaintiff was caused to be deprived of his right to Trial and to obtain full compensation for his injuries and damages.
- 5. Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages as a consequence of the defendants' legal malpractice.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffw, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen, demand judgment together with compensatory damages, counsel fees, costs and interest.

COUNT THREE - UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 1. Plaintiff, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen repeats and realleges the allegations of the prior Counts as if more fully set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. represented the plaintiff Eric Johansen in Worker's compensation court
- 3. Defendants received fees for services for that representation while committing malpractice.
- 4. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. were unjustly enriched by receiving attorneys fees while committing malpractice.
- 5. Equity and the law require disgorgement of the fees to those who paid them.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen, demand judgment together with compensatory damages, counsel fees, costs and interest.

COUNT FOUR - PUNITIVE DAMAGES

- 1. Plaintiffs, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen repeat and re-allege the allegations of the prior Counts as if more fully set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. became aware of the malpractice committed by April 26, 2009.
- 3. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. failed to disclose the malpractice.
- 4. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. misrepresented the facts and law, and told the plaintiffs that the company was no longer in existence which was why they could not collect on the judgment.
- 5. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. deliberately and intentionally failed to reveal the malpractice.
- 6. Defendants Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and Frank Dupignac, Jr. misrepresentations were willful, wanton and expected to cause harm.
- 7. Pursuant to the terms of the Punitive Damages Act, plaintiffs demands not only compensatory damages, but also punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen, demand judgment together with compensatory damages, counsel fees, costs and interest.

DEMAND FOR ANSWERS TO UNIFORM INTERROGATORIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to R.4:17, the plaintiff(s) require of all defendant(s), Answers, Under Oath. To Uniform Interrogatories Form C

Interrogatories as set forth in Appendix II of The Rules of Court within the time prescribed by The Rules of Court.

DEMAND FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 4:18-1, the plaintiff hereby demands that the defendant produce the following documentation within forty-five (45) days as prescribed by the Rules of Court. Additionally, please be advised that the following requests are ongoing and continuing in nature and the defendant is therefore required to continuously update its responses thereto as new information or documentation comes into existence.

- 1. All Writings identified or referred to in your answers to the foregoing interrogatories.
- 2. All Writings utilized, consulted or otherwise relied upon by you in preparing your answers to the foregoing interrogatories.
- 3. All files created or maintained by defendant in connection the representation of plaintiff.
- 4. Any and all agreements and correspondence between plaintiff and defendant.
 - 5. All Writings which pertain, refer, or relate to this lawsuit.
- 6. Any and all statements, correspondence, memoranda, writings, or other documents prepares by the defendant attorney and/or any other attorney, employee, agent, or representative of the defendant law concerning the claim of plaintiff.
 - 7. Any tape recordings of conversations with the plaintiff.

- 8. Any writing, document, or tangible thing, including visual aids and blow-ups, which you prepared for use in the underlying lawsuit.
 - 9. A copy of the plaintiffs' retainer agreement.
- 10. The amounts of any and all insurance coverage covering the defendant, including but not limited to, primary insurance policies, secondary insurance policies and/or umbrella insurance policies. For each such policy of insurance, supply a copy of the declaration page therefrom.
- 11. Copies of any and all documentation or reports, including but not limited to, police reports, accident reports and/or incident reports concerning the happening of the incident in question or any subsequent investigation of same.
- 12. Copies or duplicates of any and all photographs, motion pictures, videotapes, films, drawings, diagrams, sketches or other reproductions, descriptions or accounts concerning the individuals involved in the incident in question, the property damage sustained, the accident scene, or anything else relevant to the incident in question.
- 13. Copies of any and all signed or unsigned statements, documents, communications, and/or transmissions, whether in writing, made orally or otherwise recorded by any mechanical or electronic means, made by any party to this action, any witness, or any other individual, businesses, corporation, investigative authority or other entity concerning anything relevant to the incident in question.
- 14. Copies of any and all documentation, including but not limited to statutes, rules, regulations, books, and/or industry standards which refer to,

reflect or otherwise relate to the incident in question or any potential defense to the action in question.

- 15. Copies of any and all discovery received from any other parties to the action in question.
- 16. Copies of any and all medical information and/or documentation concerning the plaintiff in this matter whether it concerns any medical condition or treatment which took place before, during or after the time of the incident in question.
- 17. Copies of any and all records of any type subpoenaed by the defendant or received from any other source concerning the plaintiff or the incident in question.
 - 18. Copies of all attorney's notes regarding this file.
 - 19. Copies of all attorney's correspondence regarding this file.
- 20. Copies of all correspondence to anyone concerning the representation at any time up to suit.
- 21. Copies of any brochures or other media distributed to plaintiff regarding defendants' services.
- 22. Copies of all documents demonstrating any relationship between any defendant and Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq. and the law firm of Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione & Dunn, P.C.
- 23. Copies of any partnership or employment agreement between any of the defendants existing between July 15, 2006 and July 15, 2008.
 - 24. Copies of any Complaints alleging legal malpractice filed against

William T. Hiering, Esq., Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq., Richard D. Stanzione, Esq., Lynn A. Dunn, Esq., James M. Havey, Esq., Lowell A. Berg, Esq. and Michael R. Beck.

- 25. Copies of curriculum vitae of each defendant and individual defendant.
- 26. Copies of any and all corporate or firm organization documents of each such defendant.
- 27. List of attorneys who you or your firm would refer third party cases to during the period you represented plaintiff.
- 28. List of any and all CLE attended by individuals defendants from 2000-2009.
- 29. Copies of any documents or things of any kind which show the qualifications of Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq.

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

1. Defendants never informed Eric Johansen that Larry's Belly Filler was not a legal entity.

ADMIT [] DENY []

2. Defendants advised Plaintiff that they failed to implead the proper legal party in a claim arising out of the accident of July 15, 2006.

ADMIT [] DENY []

3. Defendants did not advise Plaintiff, Eric Johansen, that Larry's Belly Filler was not the proper legal entity for the claim arising out of the accident of July 15, 2016.

ADMIT	DENY	5)	
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4. Defendants performed no investigation concerning the ownership of the property at 2459 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania prior to the running of the Statute of Limitations.

ADMIT | DENY |]

5. Defendants relied up the invoice from Canada Dry indicating the customer was Larry's Belly Filler at 2459 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that was involved in the accident of July 15, 2006.

ADMIT [] DENY []

6. Defendants made no attempt to determine the proper corporate entity for the trade name Larry's Belly Filler prior to the expiration of the Statute of Limitations on July 15, 2008.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

7. Damages for Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen arising from the accident of July 15, 2006 were proven at a proof hearing where Plaintiffs were represented by the Defendants.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

8. All information concerning the scope of damages and the extent of damages presented at the proof hearing were true to the best of the Defendants knowledge.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

9. The proof hearing conducted on behalf of Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen resulted in a judgment in the amount of \$280,000.00.

ADMIT[] DENY[]
10. Damages suffered by Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen as
result of the accident of July 15, 2006 was \$28,000.00.
ADMIT[] DENY[]
11. Defendants attempted to collect the judgment in the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania.
ADMIT[] DENY[]
12. Defendants represented to an attorney in the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania hired on their behalf that the judgment was valid and should be
collected.
ADMIT[] DENY[]
13. The judgment was not collected because Defendants did not name
the proper corporate entity who was responsible for Plaintiffs damages.
ADMIT[] DENY[]
14. In April of 2009 Defendants were informed that there was no
corporate entity in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania called Larry's Belly Filler.
ADMIT[] DENY[]
15. In April of 2009 Defendants learned that the entity operating the
restaurant at 2459 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was Larry's
Steak and Hoagies Incorporated.
ADMIT[j DENY[]

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Steaks Incorporated.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

17. Defendants were obligated to determine the appropriate defendant a bring a suit for damages.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

18. Defendants never identified Larry's Steaks and Hoagies, Incorporated as the proper defendant prior to the expiration of the Statute of Limitations.

ADMIT [] DENY []

19. Defendants never hired a private investigator prior to the expiration of the Statute of Limitations to determine ownership of the location where the accident occurred.

ADMIT | DENY []

20. Defendants never hired a private investigator to determine the ownership of the restaurant operating at the location prior to the expiration of the Statute of Limitations.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

21. Defendants did not perform any type of corporate look up for the owner of the property or restaurant prior to the expiration of the Statute of Limitations.

ADMIT[] DENY[]

22. Defendants never checked the internet for the ownership of the restaurant where Plaintiff's accident occurred on July 15, 2006 prior to the

expiration of the Statute of Limitations.

ADMIT []

DENY []

23. Defendant Frank Dupignac, Jr. told Eric Johansen the reason the judgment was not collectable was because the company had gone out of business.

ADMIT[]

DENY []

24. Defendant Frank Dupignac Jr. told Danielle Johansen the reason the judgment was not collectable was because the company had gone out of business.

ADMIT[]

DENY []

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to R. 4:25-4, Adam L. Rothenberg, is hereby designated as trial counsel in the above matter for the plaintiff.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to R.4:35-1, the plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT

An Affidavit of Merit is being filed and served with this Complaint completed by Craig Aronow, Esq. This is annexed to this Complaint and served upon you pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:53-26 et seq.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this matter is not the subject matter of any other suit presently pending in any other court or in any American Arbitration proceeding. At this time we know of no other parties not named herein that should be joined.

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Dated: January 10, 2014

Adam L. Rothenberg

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 1:38-7b

Adam L. Rothenberg, Esq. of full age, hereby certifies and says:

- 1. I am an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey, and am an attorney in the law firm of Levinson Axelrod, P.C., attorneys for plaintiff in the above-captioned matter.
- 2. To the best of my knowledge, all confidential personal identifiers have been redacted and all subsequent papers submitted to the court will not contain confidential personal identifiers in accordance with R.1:38-7b.
- 3. I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, that I am subject to punishment.

Dated: January 16, 2014

Adam L. Rothenberg

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Eric Johansen and Danielle Johansen, his wife,

vs.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Plaintiffs, :

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DOCKET NO. MID-L- 0 3 5 2 1 4

Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq., Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck,

John Does 1-5 (unknown attorneys)

Civil Action

Affidavit of Merit

Defendants

Craig Aronow, Esq. of full age, being duly sworn according to law upon his oath deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney, licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey.
- 2. I was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1998. I am also a Certified Civil Trial Attorney.

3. I have no financial interest in the outcome of this case.

4. I have reviewed the state facts and available documents concerning

the representation of Eric Johansen by Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq., the law

firm of Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and John Does 1-5

(unknown attorneys representing plaintiff).

5. In my opinion, there exists a reasonable probability that the legal

services rendered to Eric Johansen by Frank J. Dupignac, Jr., Esq., the law

firm of Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione, Dunn & Beck and John Does 1-5

(unknown attorneys representing plaintiff, which is the subject of the matter

set forth above, fell outside accepted standard of legal practice and were

deviations from those practices.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am

aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I

am subject to punishment.

Craig Aronow, Esq.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of January, 20/4.

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NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY My Commission Expires 9/15/2016

IF ANY DEFENDANT HAS ANY OBJECTION TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF THIS AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT; DEMAND IS HEREBY MADE THAT THE DEFENDANT IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE PLAINTIFF OF ANY SUCH ALLEGED DEFICIENCIES SO THAT SAME MAY BE CORRECTED IF NECESSARY AND WITHIN THE TIME CONSTRAINT OF N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-26 ET SEQ.